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Honorable Kevin Elsenheimer
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RE: HB 4398 – UNIFORM ZONING ENABLING ACT

Dear Representative Elsenheimer:

The Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) is appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the development and discussions on this significant legislation. The work group meetings were extremely informative and useful.

While DLEG is the lead state agency, other stakeholders include the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Transportation. These agencies had the opportunity to review and participate in the work group discussions on this bill, up to and including Draft 3.

Unification of the Michigan's various enabling statutes, and thus the elimination of state review of county zoning ordinances and amendments, will create consistent application and decision-making in land use planning and zoning among cities, villages, townships, and counties. Your effort to fulfill a major recommendation of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council is commendable.

Sincerely,

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